

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**Date : May 8, 2020**  
**To : The Commission**  
**(Meeting of May 28, 2020)**  
**From : Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma**  
**Subject : Appointment to the Low-Income Oversight Board**

**I. SUMMARY**

Public Utilities Code § 382.1 establishes a Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) to advise the Commission on issues concerning low-income electric, gas, and water customers. The LIOB is comprised of eleven members who serve two-year terms from the date of appointment by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), except for the member from an electric or gas corporation who serves a one-year term. I request your approval of the reappointment of Mr. Robert Castaneda Jr. as a public member on the LIOB.

**II. PUBLIC MEMBER OF THE LOW-INCOME OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Mr. Robert Castaneda Jr. has served on the LIOB as a public member since 2014 and has over 25 years of professional experience advocating for and working with low-income communities. He served as chairman of the LIOB for 2017-2018. From 1998 to 2000, Castaneda was appointed to the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) where he served in positions of communications, legislative affairs, and public purpose program management with the State's Legalization Program Grant, ESL grants, low-income energy assistance and workforce development programs. His duties at CSD involved working with a statewide network of energy service providers who offered weatherization services and rate assistance to low-income communities. During that time Robert also worked directly with the CPUC as chairman of the Energy Education Trust, a \$13-million-dollar fund to educate low-income consumers about changes in the energy industry. He currently operates a private consulting company that assists contractors and nonprofit energy service providers serving low-income households across California. Robert holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the San Diego State University.

**III. CONCLUSION**

Mr. Robert Castaneda Jr. is highly qualified to continue serving on the LIOB and I ask for your approval of his reappointment. Thank you.